

Self Sufficiency Policy” was established. The policy mandates that all nonexempt adult members of a household must perform eight hours of community service per month or participate in an economic self-sufficiency program for eight hours per month.

- \* Dwelling Lease changes, including the adoption of a pet policy, were implemented as required by new HUD guidelines.
- \* DHC’s Legal Division negotiated an agreement with Comcast Cable to provide a cable rate discount for DHC residents.

## Section 8

- \* Over the past two years, 450 Section 8 Vouchers were provided for residents of apartment complexes which no longer participate in HUD’s Section 8 project-based voucher program.
- \* DHC provided 200 project-based Section 8 Vouchers to help launch construction of an affordable housing development project called “Grand Oaks” on Detroit’s west side.
- \* The United Community Housing Coalition provided Housing Placement Services to families on the Section 8 waiting list.

## Security Improvements

- \* The Detroit Police Department’s Housing Support Section (HSS) monitors security at DHC and maintains a force of 55 police officers including 7 Sergeants, 1 Lieutenant and 1 Commander.
- \* The Housing Support Section has established and maintained a mounted horse patrol unit, bicycle unit and an abandoned vehicle unit.
- \* HSS maintains a canine unit (K-9) to aid security in the senior high-rise buildings.
- \* Total felony crimes in the developments decreased over the previous year.
- \* The Commission maintains an “Access Control Television System” at the senior high-rises to assist in providing 24-hour security.
- \* Continued implementation of a COPS grant enabled the Commission to deploy 24 additional police officers.
- \* The Commission hired additional security personnel for the senior sites and Frederick Douglass Homes.



*Detroit Police Department’s Housing Support Section Commander Frank Ward, HSS is a police detail assigned to public housing.*



*Residents employed with the Census Bureau helped to distribute information and provide assistance.*

## Resident Training and Employment Opportunities

- \* One hundred DHC youth partici-

pated in the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program.

- \* Entrepreneurial Development Classes were held for DHC residents. The classes produced 14 graduates and 6 new resident businesses.

- \* DHC participated in the JobNet Program. Residents accessed a computerized job referral system located at three DHC Empowerment Zone sites. Individual job counselors also provided 150 job referrals which resulted in 100 job placements.

- \* Residents participated in a Marriott Hotel training program and filled job vacancies in the Marriott Hotel System.

- \* The U.S. Census Bureau contacted DHC to recruit residents to work for the Census. Twelve residents were hired. The residents took advantage of DHC's income disregard policy which provided an exemption for the additional income.

- \* Pre-Apprenticeship Program placed additional program graduates in construction jobs. Over 100 residents have been placed in construction apprenticeships through the program.



*(Above), Pre-Apprenticeship Training Class, (Below), Resident owners of VSJ Landscaping, a resident-owned business, 1 to r, Shaneen Davis, James Charleston, and Vanessa Tate, (Bottom) Participants in Midnight Basketball Program*



## Resident Activities

- \* DHC's Program Planning Division, working with Don Bosco Hall, organized the First Annual "Winterfest 2000 Youth Confer-